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SUBJECT: MBFR: NEXT SPC MEETING

1. THE SPC MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 23, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 24. ITALIAN DELEGATION REQUESTED THE POSTPONEMENT IN VIEW OF HEAVY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ON MONDAY. FRG DELEGATION, WHILE NOT REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT, WAS PLEASED AT THE PROSPECT SINCE FRG DELEGATION DID NOT EXPECT EARLY INSTRUCTIONS ON UNIT DISAGGREGATION. THE PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT HAS JUST GONE TO MINISTER GENSCHER. DUTCH DELEGATION INSISTED THAT THE MEETING NOT BE POSTPONED BEYOND TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2. FRG DELEGATION OFFICER CITRON INFORMS US THAT AT THE NEXT SPC MEETING, HE WILL RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED DATA PUBLICATION. HE WILL ASK FOR A TOUR DE  
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TABLE FOR REACTIONS TO THE PUBLICATION IDEA, SINCE SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT YET EXPRESSED THEMSELVES ON THE SUBJECT.

3. FRG REP WILL ALSO PRESENT, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN, THE FOLLOWING FRG SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FORMAT OF THE PUBLICATION. THE PUBLICATION WOULD BEGIN BY LISTING A TOTAL

FOR THE FORCES OF ALL ALLIES. THIS TOTAL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DATA ON THE NATIONAL FORCES OF EACH MEMBER COUNTRY. (CITRON SAID THAT HE WOULD TALK TO FRENCH DELEGATION OFFICER GUELLUY PRIOR TO THE MEETING REGARDING LATEST FRENCH VIEWS ON INCLUSION OF THEIR FIGURES IN THE PUBLICATION). THERE WOULD THEN BE A SECOND SECTION ON THE NATO INTEGRATED STRUCTURE IN EUROPE, WITH AGGREGATE TOTALS FOR AFNORTH, AFCENT AND AFSOCH. THOSE ALLIES WHICH HAVE STATIONED FORCES IN AFCENT (US, CANADA, AND UK) WOULD HAVE SEPARATE NATIONAL LISTINGS FOR THEIR FORCES IN AFCENT. CITRON NOTED THAT THE AFCENT AREA DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE TERRITORY OF THE NGA, BUT THERE ARE NO STATIONED FORCES IN THE AREA WHERE AFCENT AND THE NGA DO NOT COINCIDE. CITRON MADE CLEAR THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE ENTIRE FORMAT IS TO MINIMIZE THE MBFR NATURE OF THE PUBLICATION. WE POINTED OUT TO CITRON THAT THIS FORMAT, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AFCENT AND THE NGA, WOULD NOT ENABLE THE OTHER SIDE READILY TO CALCULATE THE NATIONAL FIGURES FOR EACH WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANT IN THE NGA. WE ALSO QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR INCLUSION OF FIGURES ON THE FRENCH. CITRON INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER REFINEMENTS IN THE FRG FORMAT BEFORE THE NEXT SPC MEETING, AND GENERAL FRG OPENNESS TO THE VIEWS OF OTHER ALLIES.

4. UK DELEGATION OFFICER (JANVRIN) INFORMED US MAY 20 THAT HE HAS RECEIVED FRESH INSTRUCTIONS REAFFIRMING UK OPPOSITION TO THE IDEA OF AN UNCLASSIFIED PUBLICATION. THE UK IS CONCERNED THAT SUCH A PUBLICATION WOULD SIMPLY ALLOW THE EAST THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO WHY THE  
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WEST WAS ABLE TO PUBLISH NATIONAL DATA BUT NOT TO TABLE THEM. THE UK THINKS IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE WEST SIMPLY TO EMPHASIZE THE MERITS OF ITS UNIT DISAGGREGATION PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE NATIONAL FIGURES (ASSUMING THIS IS THE CASE), AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE DATA DISCUSSION.

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5. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE US TO STATE ITS VIEWS REGARDING AN UNCLASSIFIED PUBLICATION AS AN ADJUNCT TO UNIT DISAGGREGATION AT THE TUESDAY SPC MEETING, AND TO TABLE A US VIEW OF THE FORMAT OF THE PUBLICATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR THE TUESDAY SPC MEETING, IN LIGHT OF ABOVE COMMENT. BENNETT

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